



Firm Profile

Cascade Economics LLC (CE) is a research and consulting firm specializing in natural resource economics. CE includes experienced professionals with specialties in economic analysis, water resources and water rights, litigation and negotiation support, agricultural production, regional economics, commercial fisheries, and environmental economics. Additional expertise in socioeconomic analysis, EA/EIS preparation, and impacts analysis are represented at CE, as well as research project management, technical writing, editing, and exhibit preparation.

CE is located in Southwest Washington State, near Portland, Oregon, and is positioned to serve clients throughout the West, including federal, state, and tribal governments; engineering and environmental services firms; water agencies; and private industry. CE can serve a niche in multidisciplinary studies, or complete entire independent analyses. CE staff members have conducted studies on water resource development projects; Indian water right claims; economic analysis of ESA listed species; commercial fisheries markets; domestic, commercial, municipal, industrial, and livestock water needs; analysis of fish hatchery operations; financial feasibility; and recreation planning.

CE provides clients with accurate, professional products in a highly responsive manner. Well-accepted practices are applied to help clients understand complex economic and natural resource issues, and provide concise, credible analysis. CE frequently works with multidisciplinary teams comprised of hydrologists, engineers, physical scientists, and biologists, and understands the need for coordination of information to meet project objectives. Through a select network of associates in these and other disciplines, CE is able to expand its capabilities to successfully complete projects for their clients.

CE meets the federal regulation threshold for designation as a small business, and is registered with the Central Contractor Registration system.

CE Personnel and Associates

CE is led by **Dr. Michael Taylor**, a resource economist with more than 20 years of experience conducting applied studies. Dr. Taylor earned his Ph.D. and master degrees in agricultural and resource economics from Oregon State University, and holds an A.B. degree in Computer Science from the University of California at Berkeley. His expertise includes economic analysis, computer modeling, and quantitative methods applied to issues related to agriculture, water, ESA-listed species, commercial fisheries, and socioeconomic impacts, as well as the linkage of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

with economic analysis. He is an experienced and skilled project manager, often coordinating teams of researchers from various disciplines.

Ms. Jill Chilton has more than 13 years of practical applied experience in the area of natural resource economics. She received a B.A. in mathematics and economics from Reed College. She has considerable experience and expertise in economic impact analysis, input-output model development, economic research, database design, and writing and technical editing. She is a skilled analyst, capable of utilizing a wide range of computer-based applications to perform analysis, but also excels in the dissemination of results in clear, concisely written reports. She is also responsible for the review and editing of CE's reports, including EIS and EA materials, and reports and exhibits submitted in support of expert witness testimony.

CE has developed a network of associates and small firms who have worked effectively over the years with the staff of CE. They include economists, water resource engineers, surface and ground water hydrologists, recreation planners, biologists, soil scientists, GIS analysts, and other specialists. Although they are independent from CE, these established relationships can work to the client's advantage by providing the capacity and flexibility of multiple resources without charging a "large firm" overhead.

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